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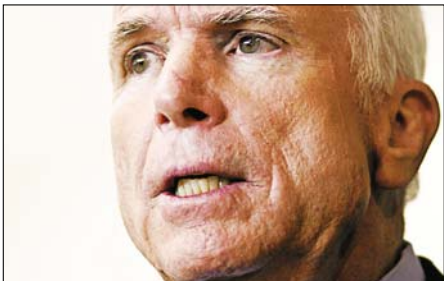
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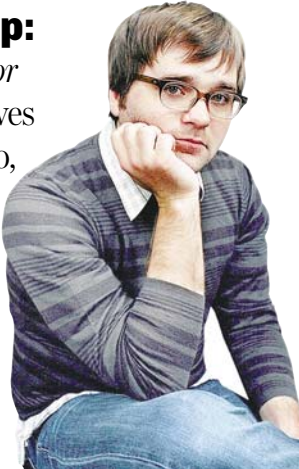
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Gay Couples Rush to Wed in Calif.

HAND IN HAND: Curt Garman, left, and Richard Looke hold hands as they look for a quiet spot to hold their wedding at City Hall in San Francisco on Tuesday. Hundreds of gay and lesbian couples rushed to secure marriage licenses and exchange vows on the first full day same-sex nuptials were legal throughout California. ♦ **Live long and prosper:** "Star Trek's" Takei weds partner | Page 4

Car Bomb Kills 51 in Baghdad

Deadliest attack in months breaks calm in Iraq's capital

BAGHDAD | A car bomb ripped through a busy commercial street in a Shiite area of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 51 people and wounding scores more in the deadliest blast in the capital in more than three months.

Many victims were trapped in their apartments by a raging fire that engulfed at least one building, according to police and Interior Ministry officials, who also said about 75 people were wounded. Stunned survivors stumbled through the rubble-strewn street, which was filled with the smoke from burning vehicles, witnesses said.

The attack shattered the relative calm in the capital since a May 11 cease-fire ended seven weeks of fighting between U.S. and Iraqi forces and Shiite militants in the Sadr City district. Ironically, it came the same day the Iraqi parliament announced plans to move outside the U.S.-protected Green Zone.

Angry survivors blamed the army and police for failing to protect them. "The blast occurred because there wasn't any security presence by the Iraqi army or police at the scene, not even any checkpoint," said Khalid Hassan, who suffered shrapnel wounds and burns. "We are all victims of terrorism and carelessness." ROBERT H. REID (AP)

BLAST POINT
Violence returns:
→ The blast was the deadliest attack in Baghdad since March 6, when a pair of bombs detonated in the mostly Shiite district of Karradah, killing 68 people and wounding about 120.



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Kill, Slinky, Kill!

Bridgeport, Conn., police say they arrested a city man after he ordered his pet to attack two officers. Lucky for them, 9-foot-long pythons aren't very obedient. Police Lt. James Viadero says 21-year-old Victor Rodriguez was charged with threatening police and disorderly conduct after Monday's incident. No one was hurt. Officers were called to Rodriguez's apartment on a report that he was threatening his girlfriend with the pet reptile. Viadero says that when the building superintendent opened the apartment door for the officers, Rodriguez allegedly threatened them with the snake and told it to "Get them!" Rodriguez and his pet were both taken away: Rodriguez to jail on a \$10,000 bond, and the albino python to the city's animal control shelter. (AP)



MISTAKES

Noah Just KNEW Air Travel Was Bad Idea

Jackals, monitor lizards and raptors descended on a runway at New Delhi's main airport after heavy rains Monday, delaying flights. The animals were looking to dry off and warm up after the first

monsoon rains hit India's capital, and their appearance on the runway forced authorities to stop planes from taking off and landing for about an hour. Animal welfare authorities cleared the runway of wildlife, including monitor lizards that measured as long as 2 to 3 feet. The Hindustan Times said about 100 flights were affected. (AP)



WONG MAYE-E/AP

PUBLIC ART

We Love Ewwww

A giant model of a diabetic patient's foot now graces Singapore's financial district. The sculpture was installed by the city-state's health promotion board, which wants to inspire citizens — many of whom spend most of their time in offices — to start living healthier lives. A gigantic foot with a gangrenous toe is just a part of that initiative. It also may inspire a massive financial upswing for the pedicure industry. (EXPRESS)

NOT CUTE

Child Potentially Risks Life for \$17.50

A young Terre Haute, Ind., girl whose lemonade stand was robbed of \$17.50

chased the robbery suspect into a nearby home and called police, who spent nearly an hour trying to coax the man into surrendering. "The guy came up and was, like, 'Give me your money,'" said Dominique Morefield. "I was

shocked. It was just my immediate reaction to chase after him." Officers eventually persuaded Steve Tryon, 18, to come outside after 45 minutes and arrested him on a preliminary felony charge of robbery. (AP)

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"I'm not going to call for hearings, because the mood is not right, and we've got too many other bigger problems to deal with."

—Sen. Arlen Specter, who says he won't hold hearings on the NFL's Spygate scandal.

Nation

In Brief

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. Military Judge Dismisses Charges in Haditha Case

A military judge dismissed charges Tuesday against a Marine officer accused of failing to investigate the killings of 24 Iraqis. Col. Steven Folsom dismissed charges against Lt. Col. Jeffrey Chessani after finding that a four-star general overseeing the case was improperly influenced by an investigator probing the November 2005 shootings by a Marine squad in Haditha. Chessani of Rangely, Colo., was the highest-ranking officer to face a combat-related court-martial since the Vietnam War. (AP)



Chessani

WASHINGTON Democrats to File Lawsuit Over McCain's Financing

Democratic Party officials plan to file a new lawsuit to compel federal regulators to investigate whether Sen. John McCain violated election laws by withdrawing from public financing. The Democratic National Committee announced Tuesday it will sue next week in U.S. District Court. It will ask the court to order the Federal Election Commission to examine, within 30 days, the legality of McCain's decision to reject \$5.8 million in taxpayer funds, which allowed him to avoid strict spending limits. (AP)

Candidates Clash on Foreign Policy

McCain camp says Obama's approach to terrorism is 'naive'

WASHINGTON | A defiant Barack Obama said Tuesday he would take no lectures from Republicans on which candidate would keep the U.S. safer, a sharp rebuke to John McCain's aides who said the Democrat had a naive, Sept. 10 mind-set toward terrorism.

"These are the same guys who helped to engineer the distraction of the war in Iraq at a time when we could have pinned down the people who actually committed 9/11," the presumed nominee told reporters aboard his campaign plane. "This is the same kind of fear-mongering that got us into Iraq ... and it's exactly that failed foreign policy I want to reverse."

McCain aides criticized Obama



Sen. Barack Obama said Tuesday he would not be lectured by Republicans on national security issues and accused the McCain campaign of "fear-mongering."

for talking about using the criminal justice system to prosecute terrorists.

"Senator Obama is a perfect manifestation of a September 10th mind-set. ... He does not understand

the nature of the enemies we face," McCain national security director Randy Scheunemann told reporters on a conference call.

“Senator Obama is a perfect manifestation of a Sept. 10th mind-set.”

RANDY SCHEUNEMANN, MCCAIN CAMP

Former CIA director James Woolsey, who is advising the McCain campaign, concurred, saying Obama has "an extremely dangerous and extremely naive approach toward terrorism ... and toward dealing with prisoners captured overseas who have been engaged in terrorist attacks against the United States." (AP)

Study: New SAT Is Little Improved

Revised exam slightly better at forecasting college performance

EDUCATION | The writing section added to the SAT has done very little to improve the exam's overall ability to predict how students will do in college, according to research released Tuesday by the test's owner.

SKILL MEASURES

→ The SAT now runs three hours, 45 minutes, or 45 minutes longer than the old version.

The College Board added a writing test to the SAT in 2005, including a 25-minute essay, to help colleges make more finely tuned decisions about students' skills.

Critics of the SAT seized on the College Board's findings, which came three years after the revamped, nearly four-hour exam made its debut.

"After all their ballyhoo about how the new test was going to be a better tool for college admissions, it's not," said Robert Schaeffer, director of the group FairTest. "It's longer and more expensive. That's all you can say about it."

The College Board defended the SAT, saying that no predictor of college success is perfect, but that the exam is a remarkably good one. It emphasized the finding that the writing test actually does a slightly better job of predicting freshman-year college grade point average than do the math or critical reading sections.

"Both tests are very valid, the old one and the new one," said Laurence Bunin, the senior vice president who oversees the SAT program. JUSTIN POPE (AP)

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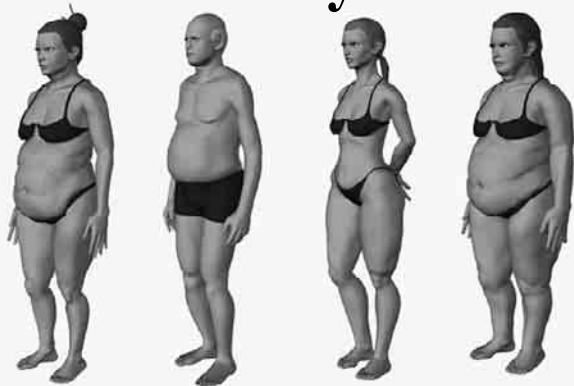


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Gay Couples Rush to Wed

County clerk offices in Calif. flooded with marriage applicants

SAN FRANCISCO | Serenaded by a gay men's chorus, showered with rose petals and toasted with champagne, hundreds of tearful same-sex couples got married across the state Tuesday in what some are calling California's new Summer of Love.

Wearing everything from T-shirts to tuxedos and lavish gowns, they rushed down to county clerks' offices to obtain marriage licenses and exchange vows on the first full day that gay marriage became legal in California by order of the state's highest court.

George Takei, who played Sulu on the original "Star Trek," beamed as he and his partner of 21 years, Brad Altman, obtained one of the new gender-neutral marriage licenses — with the words "Party A" and "Party B" instead of "bride"



Amber Weiss, right, hugs Sharon Papo after getting married Tuesday.

and "groom" — at the West Hollywood City Hall.

"I see before me people who personify love and commitment," a grinning Takei told the crowd. He flashed the Vulcan hand salute from "Star Trek" and, in a twist on the Vulcan greeting from the TV series,

said: "May equality live long and prosper."

The burst of gay weddings actually began on Monday evening, when a few counties extended their office hours past 5 p.m., the moment the May 15 California Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage took effect. On Tuesday morning, though, all 58 counties began issuing licenses, and the rush was on.

Although some couples said they preferred to wait until after the election because they feared their marriages would nullified at the ballot box, others said they wanted to make history, especially if the opportunity to get married could be lost.

"There's a window, and we want to take advantage of that window, because who knows what's going to happen in November?" said Jay Mendes, 40, as he and his partner of three years, Bantha Sao, 22, waited to obtain a marriage license in West Hollywood. LISA LEFF (AP)

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Left: Student installing *Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life 1990–2005*, photo by Susan Sterner. Top right: Pierre-Philippe Thomire and Robert Robin, *Clock of the Vestals Carrying the Sacred Fire*, 1789, William A. Clark Collection. Restored through funds given in memory of Alice Withington Clement, member of the Women's Committee of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Bottom right: Jean-François-Thérèse Chalgrin, *Paneling in the Salon Doré* (detail), 1770, William A. Clark Collection.



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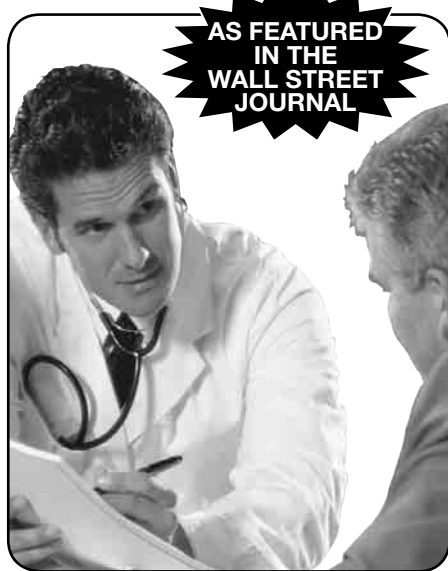
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Dodd Knew of 'VIP' Status

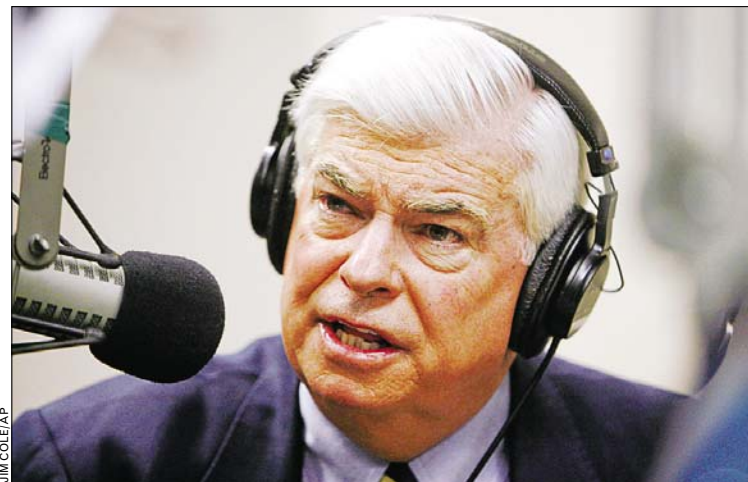
Senator denies he tried to get a break on home loan from exec

WASHINGTON | Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher J. Dodd acknowledged Tuesday that he knew in 2003 that Countrywide Financial Corp. placed him in a "VIP section" when the firm reportedly gave him preferential rates on two mortgages.

But he denied he knew he was getting any special deal and said he didn't plan to give up the loans.

"I'm not clairvoyant," Dodd, D-Conn., said. "There was no red flag to me that we were getting some special treatment."

Revelations that Dodd and Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the Budget Committee chairman, got cut-rate mortgages through a VIP program for friends of Countrywide CEO Angelo Mozilo muddled Democrats' message as they push to complete a massive foreclosure



Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., above, and Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., received reduced-rate mortgages through a program for friends of Countrywide's CEO.

rescue package.

Dodd, who has been considered a potential vice presidential running mate to Barack Obama following his own failed bid for the nomination, said he couldn't rule out having met Mozilo at some point, but said he hadn't talked to him about his mortgages.

Republicans, buffeted by a wave of scandals, retirements and poor fundraising that have contributed to a challenging re-election climate, relished the opportunity to use the VIP loans to turn the tables on Democrats during the housing debate, according to senior GOP aides. JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS (AP)

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World

Israel, Hamas Agree to Cease-Fire

Truce meant to halt Gaza violence comes as both sides still clash

JERUSALEM | The Gaza Strip's ruling Hamas militant group said Tuesday it has reached a cease-fire with Israel meant to halt a cycle of deadly Palestinian rocket attacks that rained hundreds of rockets on Israel in the past year and Israeli reprisals that have killed hundreds of Palestinians.

The accord, set to go into effect at 6 a.m. Thursday, has the bigger aim of ending Israel's yearlong economic blockade of Gaza and bringing home a captive Israeli soldier.

But the phased approach is prone to pitfalls, and past truces have quickly broken down. Israel cautiously promised a "new reality" if the rocket fire ends.

The announcement capped months of Egyptian-brokered negotiations that have been marred by violence. The deal was first announced in Cairo by Egypt's state-run news agency and confirmed by Hamas. However, Hamas said it would respond to any Israeli attacks.



Palestinians gather around the wreckage of a car that was destroyed in an Israeli missile strike in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip.

Underscoring the fragile situation, Israeli aircraft attacked three targets in southern Gaza, killing six Palestinian militants, Gaza medical officials said. In response, Palestinian militants fired seven rockets into Israel, Israel's military said.

Still, after months of fighting,

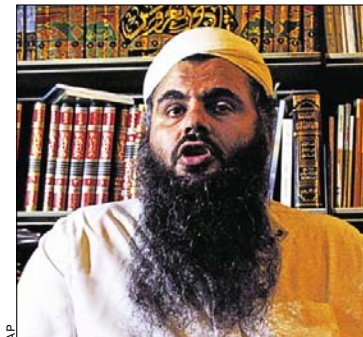
both sides seemed interested in a period of calm.

Israel wants to halt the rocket and mortar attacks on its southern communities that have killed seven Israelis over the past year, as well as an end to Hamas arms smuggling into Gaza from Egypt, and

the return of Cpl. Gilad Schalit, the Israeli soldier captured by Hamas-linked militants in a cross-border raid two years ago.

Hamas wants Israel to lift its blockade of Gaza, which has led to shortages of fuel, electricity and basic goods. JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

In Brief



Abu Qatada is shown in a 2001 photo. He was released on bail on Tuesday.

LONDON

Radical Preacher Abu Qatada Is Released on Bail

Radical preacher Abu Qatada, once called Osama bin Laden's "spiritual ambassador in Europe," was released on bail Tuesday. Home Secretary Jacqui Smith reacted by saying the government will protect national security and public safety. British officials maintain Abu Qatada, 47, a Palestinian-Jordanian, had ties to convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid and to Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged and convicted in the U.S. for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. (AP)

TOKYO

Japan Hangs Notorious Serial Killer, 2 Others

One of Japan's most notorious serial killers, who murdered and mutilated four young girls and reportedly drank the blood of one of his victims, was executed Tuesday along with two convicted murders. The hangings marked the acceleration of executions in Japan, where a pro-death penalty justice minister and rising fears over violent crime have boosted acceptance of capital punishment. (AP)

NEW DELHI

Indian Official: Nation Needs Military Space Program

An Indian official said Tuesday that India needs a military space program to defend its satellites from threats like China's newly revealed ability to shoot down targets in orbit. The comments by India's army chief raise the possibility of a regional race that could accelerate the militarization of space and heighten tensions between the Asian giants. (AP)

ENGLAND | HATS OFF TO FASHION



WHAT NOT TO WEAR? British Princesses Beatrice, left, and Eugenie, center, and Sophie, Countess of Wessex, attend the Royal Ascot horse race in Ascot, England, Tuesday. Women are required to wear hats on parts of the course.

Sarkozy Urges More Participation in NATO

French president says nothing bars country from rejoining alliance

PARIS | French President Nicolas Sarkozy made the case for greater French participation in NATO, saying Tuesday that nothing prevents the country from rejoining the trans-Atlantic alliance's military structures.

But Sarkozy essentially put the ball in NATO's court by setting conditions for full French participation; among them, France must maintain its freedom to decide whether to send troops to an operation.

"France is an independent ally, a free partner," Sarkozy said. A NATO

official said Sarkozy's conditions would not likely pose a problem.

President Charles de Gaulle withdrew France from NATO's military command in 1966, as he sought to reassert France's independence after the grueling post-World

War II years. The decision has damaged trans-Atlantic ties for decades, and France remains outside the alliance's nuclear group.

Sarkozy insists that a greater French role in NATO would not compete with the EU's own defense plans. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)



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Hundreds Leave Afghan Villages

Army rushes in troops as Taliban militants reportedly take over

ARGHANDAB, AFGHANISTAN | Taliban fighters destroyed bridges and planted mines after overrunning villages outside southern Afghanistan's largest city, Afghan officials and witnesses said. Hundreds of farm families fled while the Afghan army rushed in troops.

Afghanistan's Ministry of Defense said Tuesday that between 300 and 400 militants — many of them foreigners — took over the Arghandab region 10 miles northwest of Kandahar. The offensive on Monday came three days after a Taliban attack on Kandahar's prison that freed 400 insurgents.

Afghan officials, fearing a battle, told residents to leave the area.

However, NATO's International Security Assistance Force and the

KARZAI'S CLARIFICATION

→ President Hamid Karzai's spokesman said Tuesday that Afghanistan does not intend to go to war with Pakistan, and that Karzai's warning to his eastern neighbor on Sunday was meant only to make a strong point.

→ The spokesman, Humayun Hamidzada, said, however, that Pakistan should not allow militants to use its territory for attacks against Afghanistan — reiterating what he said was Karzai's original point. (AP)

U.S.-led coalition offered a strikingly different picture of the Arghandab region than the one portrayed by Afghan officials.

The U.S.-led coalition said in a statement that it had sent a patrol through Arghandab that met no resistance.

NOOR KHAN AND JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

HEARSAY | NUCLEAR WEAPONS REPORT



"It is all concoction, it is a pack of lies, and this is a campaign. Whenever they [the U.N.] see Pakistan can be pressured, they pressure it."

— ABDUL QADEER KHAN, A PAKISTANI SCIENTIST, REJECTING ON TUESDAY ALLEGATIONS THAT HIS NETWORK MAY HAVE SHARED BLUE-PRINTS FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPON WITH COUNTRIES SUCH AS IRAN.

FAUX UFO: A Chinese company has built a flying saucer that can be controlled remotely and has a top speed of 50 mph, Agence France-Presse reported Tuesday.



World

U.N.: 11.4M Are Refugees

Report reveals record number of people were forced to move in 2007

LONDON | Tents, sacks of food and a replica of a burnt-out village hut appeared in Trafalgar Square on Tuesday as a tourist hot spot became

a refugee camp to highlight the plight of millions of people displaced in Darfur and elsewhere.

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The number of people, in millions, who were displaced in their own countries in 2007, according to the U.N.

The display, set up by the United Nations to mark World Refugee Day this week, came as the U.N. refugee agency reported a record 11.4 million people were driven from their home countries last year.



Children look at the "Experience Darfur" exhibit, a U.N.-created representation of a village in Darfur destroyed by war, in London's Trafalgar Square on Tuesday.

U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said numbers were rising again after several years of decline. The UNHCR said 9.9 million people had been forced to leave their home countries in 2006.

"People being forced to move, unfortunately, will be one of the characteristics of the 21st century," said Guterres.

Nearly half the world's refugees are from war-torn Afghanistan and Iraq. JILL LAWLESS (AP)



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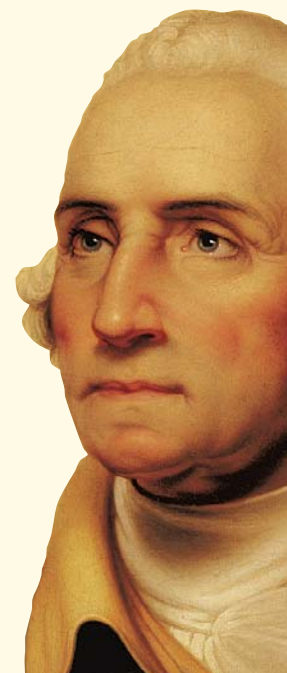
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Money

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The amount, in billions of dollars, United Airlines projects it will spend on fuel in 2008, up more than \$3.5 billion from last year. United and other airlines are under severe financial pressure from record oil prices.

Senator to InBev: Bud's Not for You

McCaskill says she will not support sale of Anheuser-Busch

WASHINGTON | Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill offered a Bud Lite and a smile to InBev Chief Executive Officer Carlos Brito on Tuesday, while telling him she would do everything she could to stop his company from buying Anheuser-Busch Cos.

Brito requested the meeting with the Democratic lawmaker and other members of Missouri's delegation to reassure them about his company's proposal to buy the



Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., speaks with reporters Tuesday on Capitol Hill after a meeting with InBev's chief executive officer. InBev wants to buy Anheuser-Busch.

St. Louis-based beer giant.

"They basically came to try to get me on board, so to speak," McCaskill told reporters. "I said, 'Not going to happen.'"

InBev, the maker of Beck's and Stella Artois beers, offered last week to buy Anheuser-Busch for roughly \$46 billion. Anheuser-Busch has not yet responded to the offer.

But McCaskill and other lawmakers have been blunt about their opposition to the foreign sale of a company that has been an icon in St. Louis for more than 100 years.

"This is not a company that's not successful," McCaskill said. "This

is not a company that's in stress. This is a company that's been profitable year in and year out, and has provided good middle-class jobs in America. It feels like to too many people in our country right now, that these are the kinds of jobs that are going away."

Brito, who called the meeting with McCaskill "very, very helpful," said he came to Washington to talk about "how excited we are about our proposed business combination."

"What we're proposing, basically, is really to take an American brand ... and unleashing that to the world via our distribution system," Brito said. "I think St. Louis and the people there will be even prouder when that happens." SAM HANANEL (AP)

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ON THE MENU: Tomatoes are coming back on the menus at Yum Brands' restaurants. The fast-food company — which owns Taco Bell, KFC, Pizza Hut, A&W and Long John Silver's restaurants — says it's starting to resupply its restaurants with tomatoes from areas cleared of salmonella risk.

Money

Americans Tap Into Water Source

Growing movement against bottled water may be affecting sales

BUSINESS | Tap water is making a comeback.

With a day's worth of bottled water costing hundreds to thousands of dollars per year depending on the brand, more people are opting to slurp water that comes straight from the sink.

The lousy economy may be accomplishing what environmentalists have been trying to do for years — wean people off the disposable plastic bottles of water that were sold as stylish, healthier and safer than water from the tap.

Heather Kennedy, 33, an office administrator from Austin, Texas, said she used to drink a lot of bot-



Pepsi deliveryman Nick Jones unloads Aquafina water and other products. Financial and environmental concerns have many Americans drinking more tap water.

More people are opting to slurp water that comes straight from the sink.

tled water but now tries to drink tap water exclusively.

"I feel that [bottled water] is a rip-off," she said. "It is not a better or healthier product than the water that comes out of my tap. It is absurd to pay so much extra for it."

Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc., the biggest bottler of Dasani, recently cut its outlook for the quarter, saying the weak North American economy is hurting sales of bottled water

and soda — especially the 20-ounce single-serving sizes consumers had been buying at gas stations.

"They're not walking in and spending a dollar plus for a 20-ounce bottle of water," said beverage analyst William Pecoriello.

Pecoriello said Americans' concern about the environment was also a factor, driven by campaigns against the use of oil in making and transporting the bottles and the waste they create.

Many cities, including New York, have enacted pro-tap campaigns.

San Francisco has done away with deliveries of water jugs for office use, instead installing filters and bottle-less dispensers. The city has already cut its government water budget in half, to \$250,000 per year, said Tony Winnicker, spokesman for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

"It's becoming chic to say, 'Oh, no, I don't drink bottled water. I'll have tap water,'" he said.

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Travel



HOG WILD: A Harley-Davidson Museum is opening July 12 in Milwaukee and will have a collection of 400 bikes, including ones owned by Evel Knievel and Elvis Presley, and a motorcycle from 1903, when William S. Harley and Arthur Davidson first made their product available to the public.

Swimming With the Whale Sharks

Aquarium in Georgia gives visitors a rare but safe opportunity

AQUARIUMS | It might have been the setting for a "Jaws" movie.

Six snorkelers wading like ducks in a row, cruising just below the surface of the water while watching exotic fish dart beneath them. It was all very peaceful, until the mysterious whale shark appeared out of the deep blue.

The whale shark is one of the most perplexing and elusive creatures in the ocean, still largely a mystery even to the marine biologists who have dedicated careers to studying the creatures.

But here, in the confines of the Georgia Aquarium in downtown



The unique experience of swimming with sharks costs \$290 for scuba divers.

Atlanta, it's impossible not to see the giant whale sharks — particularly when you're in the middle of their fish tank.

It's also somewhat hard to avoid them: The creatures seemed more intrigued by the visitors, often lumbering toward them like slow, curious locomotives.

The guests were circling the world's largest fish tank through the aquarium's "Swim With Gentle Giants" program, which places six snorkelers and six divers in the 6.3-million gallon fish tank each day.

The visitors are treated to close-up encounters of roving bands of sting rays, sleek hammerhead sharks, enormous grouper and countless other species. But the puzzling whale sharks were the real

draw — and for good reason.

The aquarium is the only one outside Asia to house the whale sharks and the only in the world to offer tourists a chance to dive with the creatures. The program's directors pitch it as an innovative and safe way to help visitors better understand animals they'd otherwise never see.

"An immersion experience is the ultimate way of connecting people and animals," said Bruce Carlson, the aquarium's chief science officer.

"It's a real opportunity for us to expand ways for people to get to know the animals here at the aquarium and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our visitors to see animals they'll probably never get a chance to see in the wild."

GREG BLUESTEIN (AP)

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The amount, in millions of dollars, granted to Pr. George's County, Md., schools from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, and the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation to improve data collection in the effort to bolster student performance, officials announced Tuesday.

Local

Saudi Academy Director Arrested

School chief charged with not reporting a child abuse allegation

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | The director of a Saudi government-funded Islamic school has been arrested and charged with failing to report a child abuse allegation, adding to scrutiny of the Northern Virginia academy as protesters came out Tuesday to call for a federal investigation of its teachings.

Abdalla I. Al-Shabnan, director of the Islamic Saudi Academy, was also charged with obstruction of justice, according to a police report about the June 9 arrest. The misde-



Members of the Traditional Values Coalition demonstrate outside the Islamic Saudi Academy, which is funded by the Saudi government, Tuesday in Alexandria, Va.

meanor counts come at a time when the private school is under heavy criticism from a federal commission and others over textbooks that allegedly teach violence and hate.

More than a dozen protesters lined up outside the school Tuesday, waving signs that read "Saudi hate is not an American family value" and "Islamic Shariah teaches violence and hate."

The protesters, including the conservative Traditional Values Coalition, want the Justice and State departments to investigate the school. The State Department last year obtained copies of the school's textbooks but has so far refused to make them public. (AP)

Va. Tech Settlement Approved

RICHMOND | A circuit court judge has approved an \$11 million settlement for most families of last year's Virginia Tech shooting, The Associated Press has reported.

Circuit Judge Theodore J. Markow approved the \$11 million state settlement during a 2 1/2 -hour hearing Tuesday.

It will compensate 24 of the 32 families of students or faculty killed by student Seung-Hui Cho on April 16, 2007, according to the AP.

The settlement will include \$100,000 and medical expenses for each family, as well as mandatory meetings between family members and Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, police and Virginia Tech officials.

Virginia Tech senior Cho killed 32 students and teachers and then himself on campus.

The state has largely negotiated similar settlements with 18 other families whose loved ones were injured in the shooting.

The settlement, which will be paid for by the state, Virginia Tech and localities in the Blacksburg area, also includes attorneys' fees.

ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, June 17

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Mid-day Pick 4	6-6-7-2
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VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	6-1-4
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-0-0
Mid-day Pick 4	0-8-5-6
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	4-8-2-5
Mid-day Cash 5	2-3-14-24-31
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	8-15-27-29-34

Md. Raids Baltimore Mayor's Home

BALTIMORE | Investigators with the state prosecutor's office, who have been probing Mayor Sheila Dixon's financial dealings during her tenure as City Council president, searched her home Tuesday for more than seven hours.

A team arrived at 6:30 a.m., when the mayor was home with her two children, and she let them in, said her attorney, Dale Kelberman. He said they took away some documents but he did not know exactly

what those were. He had not seen the search warrant.

For more than two years, state prosecutors have been looking into Dixon's financial dealings tenure as City Council president. The probe involves city money that went to companies employing Dixon's sister and her former campaign chairman. Dixon maintains she did nothing wrong and the Baltimore City Board of Ethics cleared her last year of any wrongdoing. (AP)

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Local



First lady Laura Bush and President Bush chat with St. Albans Headmaster Vance Wilson after the wake for NBC journalist Tim Russert Tuesday in Washington.

Hundreds Attend Wake for Russert

Colleagues, strangers, fans join president to pay final respects

WASHINGTON | Hundreds of friends, colleagues and strangers joined President Bush and his wife, Laura, in paying respects on Tuesday to Tim Russert.

Several hundred people were in line for more than an hour before the early afternoon start of the wake at St. Albans School, an elite private boys school on the grounds of Washington National Cathedral in Northwest Washington. Many had never met the host of the Sunday-morning talk show "Meet the Press."

But some felt like they knew him, nonetheless.

"It's just like a family member that's gone," said Mary Jo Quinn, who had traveled from Russert's hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., to the Washington area for a wedding over

the weekend.

Russert, who was also the Washington bureau chief for NBC News, died Friday of a heart attack at the age of 58. His son, Luke, is a graduate of the school where the wake was held.

Bush, accompanied by the first lady, was one of the first people to enter the closed-casket wake. The president stayed about 20 minutes while the growing crowd outside waited patiently on a pleasant, sunny day.

The crowd was a mix of people in suits and dresses interspersed with a few wearing jeans and shorts — a wake for someone who had touched a wide variety of people.

Joe McGuire said he coached Luke Russert in youth baseball while Tim Russert was an assistant coach. McGuire said the proud dad was a big baseball fan, and he will remember Russert "laughing, smiling and having a great time."

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER (AP)

FEMA to Rescind D.C. Flood Maps

WASHINGTON | The Federal Emergency Management Agency has agreed to rescind maps that declared a large swath of downtown Washington and the National Mall a flood zone.

The maps would have led to strict-building codes that would have

complicated construction of new federal and office buildings, and would have forced hundreds of homeowners to buy flood insurance.

The change was made after District of Columbia officials pledged to build an improved flood control system by November 2009. (AP)

"My only message is simple. The National League needs to join the 21st century. They need to grow up and join the 21st century."

—Yankees owner Hank Steinbrenner on the DH after Chien-Ming Wang was injured running the bases.



Sports

A Summer of Speculation Begins

With a bum left knee, Woods must decide when to play next

GOLF | Ryder Cup captain Paul Azinger answered his phone during the final round of a U.S. Open that attracted more prime-time viewers than the NBA finals. He was among them, camped in front of his TV.

"I'm watching my show pony," he said, referring to longtime friend Rocco Mediate.

Asked what he thought about his Secretariat, there was a slight pause.

"I'm a little worried for him," Azinger said while watching Tiger Woods flinch, grimace, limp and hit a career's worth of clutch shots at Torrey Pines. "Not for the Ryder Cup. I just hope he's not doing anything to create a long-term issue for himself. That's my concern."

Woods seems to have everyone worried.

"I think I need to shut it down for a little bit," Woods said after winning his 14th career major at this weekend's U.S. Open. "I pushed it pretty hard this week, and I just want to enjoy it. And we're going to reevaluate after this event and see what happens."

What does that mean? How bad is his knee? How severe was the pain? Only Woods knows, and he's more tightlipped with an injury report than Bill Belichick.

After going 91 holes to win at Torrey Pines, someone brought



Tiger Woods grabs his knee after teeing off on the second hole during Sunday's round at the U.S. Open. Afterward, Woods said he would "shut it down for a little bit."

up Ben Hogan's victory in the 1950 U.S. Open at Merion, which came 16 months after a near-fatal car accident. As injuries ago, there is no comparison.

"Geez, he was in the hospital and he didn't know if he was ever going to walk again," Woods said.

But there is a worthy comparison in their schedules.

ON THE HORIZON

No one knows when Woods will play next, but here's a look at the upcoming tourneys he may miss:

- Buick Open — June 26-29. Buick is a sponsor of Woods, and this is one he usually plays in.
- AT&T National — July 3-6. It's the second year of the tournament that Woods hosts in D.C.
- British Open — July 17-20. The next major (Tiger's real goal) isn't for another month.
- World Golf Championships — July 31-Aug. 3. Woods is the defending champ for the match play elimination tournament.

Hogan never played more than nine times per season for the rest of his career. He won three of the four events he played in 1951, including the U.S. Open and the Masters. He won all three majors he played among eight tournaments in 1953.

This was the second time Woods returned from a two-month layoff due to knee surgery and won at Torrey Pines. The other was the 2003 Buick Invitational, and swing coach Hank Haney spoke of a huge difference that had little to do with firm greens and thick rough.

With Woods, everything comes down to preparation.

"He's done this before — laying off — but he didn't do it without preparing," Haney said. "That's what made me apprehensive. That's why this is the greatest win he's ever had." DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

In Brief

NFL

Walker to Be Released From Hospital After Being Robbed

Oakland Raiders wide receiver Javon Walker was expected to be released from the hospital Tuesday, a day after he was beaten, robbed and left unconscious on a Las Vegas street after a night of partying, police said.



Walker

A large amount of cash and some jewelry were taken from Walker, who suffered "significant injuries," police said. Police Lt. Clinton Nichols said detectives are retracing Walker's activities in the hours before he was found injured Monday morning on a street off the Las Vegas Strip. (AP)

OLYMPICS

Krzyzewski Will Announce U.S. Hoops Team Monday

Calling it "the toughest decision" facing USA Basketball since it began using professional players, U.S. Olympic team coach Mike Krzyzewski said the 12-man roster for this summer's Beijing Games will be released Monday. The deadline to submit the roster is July 1. The U.S. team will go to Las Vegas to train in mid-July and play an exhibition against Canada before opening the Beijing Games against the host Chinese on Aug. 10. (AP)

NFL

Cowboys' Owens Is Excused From Mandatory Minicamp

Terrell Owens wasn't on the field for the start of the Dallas Cowboys' mandatory offseason minicamp Tuesday. Coach Wade Phillips said Owens was excused from the three-day minicamp to attend to a personal family matter out of town. "He didn't want to go into it, and I really don't want to either," Phillips said.

Late Game

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IN The Washington Post

GM: Tension Went on 'Far Too Long'

Manager Randolph was stunned by the Mets' late-night firing

BASEBALL | New York Mets manager Willie Randolph was fired because the losses and the speculation about his job were hurting the team.

That's what general manager Omar Minaya said Tuesday after Randolph's awkward dismissal was announced in a matter-of-fact news

release in the dead of night.

With the Mets below .500 and still wobbling from last year's colossal collapse, rumors about Randolph's status built to a crescendo over the weekend. Minaya said the tension went on "far too long."

"It was not fair to the team, it



Randolph

was not fair to Willie Randolph, it was not fair to the organization," Minaya said, before the Mets played the Angels. Bench coach Jerry Manuel was promoted to manage the Mets and will stay in that position for the rest of the year.

"I'm really stunned by it," Randolph said as he left the team hotel before noon. "I was surprised by it."

Minaya said he made the decision Monday and stressed it was his alone. He met with Randolph at the

Mets' team hotel after that night's 9-6 win over the Angels.

"I think he was resigned to it. When all is said and done, I think he was relieved," Minaya said.

Minaya said it would have been disrespectful to fire a manager while he was still in uniform. Instead, Minaya said he waited to talk to Randolph away from the ballpark. At 34-35, the Mets never found any consistency.

"Is it Willie only? No, it's us," Minaya said. "I can't replace 25 players. And the players care. The players give 100 percent." (AP)

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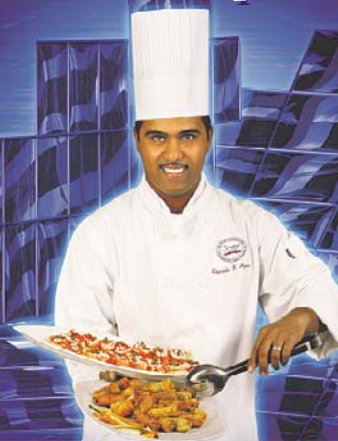
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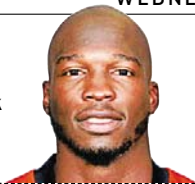
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A BREAK FROM PRACTICE: Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson will undergo surgery on Wednesday to remove bone chips from his right ankle, the NFL Network reported on Tuesday. He expected to be ready for training camp at the end of July.



Sports

Italy Beats France 2-0 to Advance

Victory in rematch of World Cup final sets up quarterfinal vs. Spain

EURO 2008 | Italy advanced to the quarterfinals of the European Championship with a 2-0 win over short-handed France on Tuesday in a rematch of the 2006 World Cup final the Italians also won.

Andrea Pirlo put Italy in front with a penalty kick in the 25th minute after Eric Abidal was red-carded for a foul on Luca Toni, and Daniele De Rossi made it 2-0 with a deflected free kick in the 62nd.

Italy next faces Group D winner Spain on Sunday in Vienna, although it will be without key midfielders Pirlo and Gennaro Gattuso after each got his second yellow card of the tournament.



Daniele De Rossi, center, celebrates with his teammates after scoring on a 25-yard free kick in the 62nd minute. His goal gave Italy a 2-0 lead, virtually assuring the win.

JOHN MACDOUGALL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

It was Italy's first win over France without a penalty shootout in 30 years, the last being at the 1978 World Cup. Italy beat France in a shootout in the 2006 World Cup final.

But the Italians still needed help from the Netherlands to be sure of a place in the next round, getting it when the Dutch beat Romania 2-0 in the other Group C match.

Toni was free behind the defense when he reached out with his leg to pull down a long pass. He was fouled from behind by Abidal, who was ejected before Pirlo stepped up and fired a shot high to the right of goalkeeper Gregory Coupet.

De Rossi's 25-yard free kick was deflected in the wall by French striker Thierry Henry and changed direction, eluding Coupet. That was all the Azzurri needed — along with the Dutch victory. ANDREW DAMPF (AP)

Romania Ousted After Losing to Netherlands, 2-0

EURO 2008 | Klaas-Jan Huntelaar helped a makeshift Netherlands send Romania out of the European Championship on Tuesday with a 2-0 win.

Huntelaar, the replacement for Ruud van Nistelrooy, killed off much of the suspense hanging over the game by tapping in a cross from Ibrahim Afellay in the 54th minute. Robin van Persie added the other in the 87th with a strong solo effort on left wing against a strangely listless Romania, playing its biggest game in eight years.

Romania, however, was strangely lackluster. It never pushed forward with any passion or aggression and depended far too much on a few flashes of brilliance from striker Adrian Mutu. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (8 P.M. ON MASN2) Jason Bergmann takes the mound for the Nationals in Minnesota.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) The Orioles' Jeremy Guthrie has allowed two runs or less in eight starts this season. He faces the Astros trying to avoid his fifth loss in the last six starts.

EURO 2008 (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN AND ESPN2) Russia faces Sweden and Greece plays

Spain in the last two games of group play at the European Championship. The winner of Russia-Sweden will advance with Spain.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) It's an early preview of a possible World Series matchup. That's right, it's the Cubs at the Rays.

COLLEGE BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) The loser of Stanford-Miami is eliminated from the College World Series.

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THROUGH JUNE 16'S GAMES

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EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	44	29	.603	—	28-7	16-22
Tampa Bay	40	29	.580	2	26-11	14-18
New York	37	33	.529	5.5	18-15	19-18
Baltimore	34	34	.500	7.5	19-12	15-22
Toronto	35	36	.493	8	18-17	17-19

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	38	31	.551	—	21-11	17-20
Minnesota	34	36	.486	4.5	19-16	15-20
Cleveland	33	37	.471	5.5	20-18	13-19
Detroit	32	38	.457	6.5	20-16	12-22
Kansas City	28	42	.400	10.5	13-18	15-24

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	42	29	.592	—	21-17	21-12
Oakland	38	31	.551	3	22-17	16-14
Texas	35	36	.493	7	17-16	18-20
Seattle	24	46	.343	17.5	14-22	10-23

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Philadelphia	42	40	.583	—	22-13	20-17
Florida	38	32	.543	3	22-15	16-17
Atlanta	35	36	.493	6.5	25-11	10-25
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Washington	29	42	.408	12.5	14-21	15-21

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Chicago	45	25	.643	—	29-8	16-17
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Pittsburgh	34	36	.486	11	21-15	13-21
Houston	33	37	.471	12	17-16	16-21
Cincinnati	33	38	.465	12.5	21-14	12-24

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Arizona	37	33	.529	—	22-14	15-19
L.A. Dodgers	31	38	.449	5.5	18-15	13-23
San Diego	31	40	.437	6.5	20-18	11-22
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Sports



Jake Brown, 33, of Australia pulls a trick on the vert ramp at last year's Dew Tour event.

Vert Looks for Its Next Generation

Popularity of skating style has steadily fallen among young riders

DEW TOUR | A speed bug bit Adam Taylor, 18, when he started skating on vert ramps seven years ago. He liked how fast he raced up and down the sides of the 13-foot, U-shaped ramp. He liked how high he soared above the ramp's walls even more.

Yet despite the allure of big air and adrenaline that the outstretched skatelite and plywood offer, many of Taylor's peers haven't followed him to the mammoth vert ramp.

"There's definitely been an age gap," Taylor said. "I think that's part of what has made vert less popular. For so long, everyone saw a bunch of older guys skating vert who might not have been in on all the trends or thought that only old guys skated vert."

Of the 12 vert skaters pre-qualified for this year's AST Dew Tour, which kicks off its five-stop summer season Thursday with the Panasonic Open at the Camden Yards Sports Complex in Baltimore, six are over the age of 30 and eight are over 28.

Taylor — a Coco Beach, Fla., native — and San Diego's Alex Perelson, 17, are the only two under 20 and represent a core contingent of up-and-coming skaters often touted as the future

of vert by longtime riders who believe these riders will invigorate one of the oldest action sports disciplines.

Since its heyday in the 1980s, vert's popularity among skaters has steadily declined. The advent of the X Games in 1995 brought stars such as Tony Hawk into the spotlight, but as vert grew into a consistent crowd pleaser — the Dew Tour expanded its seating for the vert ramp this year after attendance swelled in 2007 — the hardcore skating world labeled

So, What Happened?

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it more as mainstream entertainment and gravitated toward street and park skating.

"Honestly, I wrote vert off in my head a few times in the past only to be surprised when I see new kids coming up and being taken seriously," said former pro vert skater and NBC analyst Paul Zitzer, 36. "Vert's always struggled for one reason or another, and no matter what I think, it's going to stick around one way or another."

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Sports

Bulls' Attention Turns to Beasley

Chicago will get a look at Rose later this week to help decide top pick

NBA DRAFT | Michael Beasley kept drifting away from the podium, and he couldn't help but notice people at the hotel next door peeking through the fence to catch a glimpse of the player the Bulls could draft No. 1.

"Man, I got people behind the fence, too?" he said.

All eyes were on Beasley when he visited the Bulls' practice facility Tuesday, and Derrick Rose figures to get the same treatment this week. Holding the first pick in the NBA draft later this month, Chicago has a big decision: Beasley, a forward from Kansas State who would provide a sorely lacking scoring presence, or Rose, a point guard who just led Memphis to the NCAA championship game.

Beasley was the Big 12 player of the year, but there are concerns about his character and height.

He measured 6-foot-8½ at the NBA's predraft camp after being listed at 6-10 in college.

"It's a little disappointing to me to find out I'm actually a midget," Beasley said in jest. "But it's not a big deal to me."

A bit fidgety and uncomfortable at times, Beasley still showed a sense of humor that has endeared him to some and landed him in trouble.

He had this to say when asked about the Bulls' psychological test: "They asked if I was crazy."



Michael Beasley talks with reporters after a predraft basketball camp in May.

Did he answer yes or no? "I left that one unanswered," he said.

Fair or not, one of the major issues surrounding him is his character. The issues stem from Beasley's sense of humor. He's a prankster, has been since he was a young child.

He wound up attending seven schools in five years as a teen, and that included a stint at basketball power Oak Hill Academy in Virginia, where he was told not to come back after he and a teammate bet who could sign his name in black marker on the most objects in the school.

"I've never been asked what my character issues [are]," Beasley said. "If you were to ask me, I wouldn't know. I like to smile. I like to see people smile. There are not enough smiles around here." (AP)

LSU Comes Back From 5-0 to Win

COLLEGE BASEBALL | Blake Dean hit a three-run double off the left-field wall in the bottom of the ninth inning to keep LSU alive in the College World Series with a 6-5 victory over Rice on Tuesday.

Dean drove Cole St. Clair's 1-0 pitch on a line to the fence, and he was mobbed by teammates shortly after he arrived at second base. The celebration was the culmination of LSU's rally from a 5-0 defi-

cit. The Tigers were two outs away from losing a sixth straight game in Omaha since winning the 2000 national title.

The Tigers had scored a run in the seventh and eighth innings to pull to 5-2 against St. Clair. In the ninth, Michael Hollander hit an RBI single before Jared Mitchell reached on an error to load the bases.

Dean then delivered the big hit. **ERIC OLSON (AP)**



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Sagging demand for large sport utility vehicles has forced Ford Motor Co. to close Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne, Mich., for nine weeks, starting June 23.

Low Sales Cripple Ford SUV Plant

**Mich. factory to close
for 9 weeks because of
lack of vehicle demand**

DETROIT | Sagging demand for large sport utility vehicles has forced Ford Motor Co. to close a Michigan factory for nine weeks starting June 23.

The Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne, west of Detroit, makes the Lincoln Navigator and Ford Expedition. It will be idled until Aug. 25, Ford spokeswoman Angie Kozleski said Monday.

Expedition sales are down 31 percent for the first five months of the year, and Navigator sales are off 22 percent, according to Autodata Corp. Ford had a 124-day supply of Navigators and a 100-day inventory of Expeditions, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

Ford had previously announced that it would close the Michigan Truck Plant for five weeks during the summer, including the company's normal two-week summer shutdown in July.

"We are going to do what we need to do to make sure our capacity is in line with demand," Kozleski said.

The factory employs about 1,400 hourly workers. They will be laid off but will receive roughly 95 percent of their pay under their contract with the United Auto Workers.

Ford Chief Executive Alan Mulally said last month that the U.S. market had rapidly shifted from trucks to cars because of \$4 per gallon gasoline, and that Ford views the shift as permanent. The company plans to increase car production and decrease truck production, with specifics coming in July, he said.

Responding to the same market conditions, General Motors Corp. said Monday that it is moving up the start of a third shift at its small-car plant in Lordstown, Ohio, that makes the Chevy Cobalt and Pontiac G5.

The shift will start Aug. 4, rather than in September, as announced two weeks ago, said GM spokesman Tony Sapienza. He said Cobalt sales are up 17 percent so far this year.

The shutdown at Ford's Michigan Truck Plant is not part of the July announcement, Kozleski said.

"We're still working through our plans, and nothing is finalized yet, so I would not link the two," she said.

However, Greg Gardner, an analyst with the Oliver Wyman Group, said the announcement casts doubt upon Michigan Truck's future. The company, he said, could retool pickup truck plants in Dearborn; Clayco, Mo.; or Louisville, Ky.; to make both the new F-150 pickup and the large SUVs. TOM KRISHER (AP)

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The number of Japanese officials who have admitted to receiving gift coupons, cash or goods from drivers of taxis they used to return home at night at the public's expense. Some observers have criticized government officials for being careless with expenses paid for with public funds.

Cars

Cheap & Green

Chevy Malibu Hybrid provides family-size efficiency at low cost

AFFORDABLE | The largest mainstream gas-electric hybrid car on the U.S. market isn't a Toyota or a Honda.

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The hybrid car with a larger exterior is the 2008 Lexus LS 600h L, but at more than \$104,000, the LS 600h L luxury sedan is hardly "mainstream."

In contrast, Chevrolet's hybrid version of Malibu has a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$24,290. Inside, the Malibu Hybrid doesn't have the eye-catching energy display — complete with a diagram of a car — that the Prius typically has. The reason: The Malibu doesn't have a full hybrid system, one that can propel a vehicle for a certain distance at times on electric power only.



The family-size Chevy Malibu Hybrid has a starting MSRP of \$24,290, far less than the Lexus LS 600h L luxury hybrid sedan, which starts at more than \$104,000.

Rather, it is a "mild" hybrid whose fuel savings come primarily from the ability of the four-cylinder engine to turn itself off automatically when the car is stopped at traffic lights and stop signs, and cued up at school loading zones.

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REAL WHEELS

I'm interested in a hybrid, but should I wait for the introduction of lithium-ion-like batteries instead of the current nickel-metal hydride batteries?

I once believed that, Richmond. I no longer do. I've converted to a religion in which the good is no longer an enemy of the perfect, primarily because it has occurred to me that we'll never reach perfection. It's something we strive for continually. It will be a while before lithium-ion batteries replace current generation nickel-metal-hydrides in hybrid vehicles. That development will occur probably in five or 10 years. But when it happens, lithium-ion and lithium-polymer batteries will be less than perfect, too, and something else will replace them.

'[There are] no Chrysler diesel cars at the moment.'

Leaving aside the ethics of tempting people to buy cars by providing cheap gas, which cars does Chrysler sell that use diesel? I want my next car to be a clean diesel with high fuel economy. Should I be looking in Chrysler's direction?

I went through my list. No Chrysler diesel cars at the moment. Nardelli and company are working on bring-

ing forth dual-mode hybrid diesel trucks jointly developed with GM and Daimler.

You're hesitant to criticize GM, but I'll still ask this question. GM is widely believed to have deliberately sabotaged its own EV1 — for political reasons, it had to develop the car, but it had no interest in seeing electric vehicles take share from its own IC ones. Recently, GM announced a 60 percent price increase on the new Volt, to \$48,000, placing it well above the price point for any competing car. What should the voters and taxpayers believe in terms of GM's willingness to use the largesse of the public subsidies it receives toward the public good?

Your argument is baloney, bereft of fact. GM pulled its EV1 at the same time Honda pulled its electric vehicle experiment — at the same time Toyota did it. And they all did it for the same reasons — lousy batteries and an America drunk on cheap gasoline. And your price on the Chevrolet Volt is off by \$8,000. Projected price is \$40,000, which is still pricey. But that technology — and the Volt has a raft of new, costly technologies — isn't cheap. Toyota initially subsidized the cost of its Prius models at about \$7,000 per car. Toyota also had positive government support. Congress is pushing GM to go in this direction. Congress should offer consumer and other incentives to help reduce the cost.



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EXCUSES, EXCUSES: The Vienna State Opera canceled one performance and has had disappointing attendance at others — and it blames it on soccer. Apparently, soccer fans flooding Vienna are keeping timid opera patrons at home.

On the Brink (Again)

Keaton Simons is poised for stardom — this time for sure

BREAKTHROUGH | Jared Levy, a manager of artists and a music industry marketing strategist, was playing volleyball on the beach a few years back when Eliza Roberts began chatting him up. She insisted that Levy go see her son, Keaton Simons, play a show that night in Santa Monica.

Levy was floored by what he heard. Simons sounded like a pro, not a raw newcomer, with enough sound and charisma to fill an arena. It turned out there was a reason for that. "I'd been around for years," Simons said recently.

"He was one of the best musicians I'd ever seen. And there were 15 people there," Levy said.

Now, Simons finally has his first major-label album. "Can You Hear Me" landed last week on Larry Jenkins' relaunched CBS Records, and the first single, "Good Things Get Better," has the catchy, hand-clapping beat of a potential summer hit.

Simons, 29, appears ready, at last, to make a splash. If only the music industry can stay out of his way. "I love everything about music," he said. "I do not love everything about the music business."



GOOD THINGS GET BETTER: Up-and-comer Keaton Simons seems poised for yet another big break with "Can You Hear Me."

In 2002, he signed with Maverick Records, and the result was an 11-song album, "Exes and Whys." But Maverick executives soon announced that they were going to turn it into a low-budget, five-song EP — "to an artist, death," Levy said.

The reason would become clear: Maverick was collapsing in a flurry of lawsuits and alleged financial shenanigans. When Simons tried to retrieve master tracks of his album, he was told he could have them, he

said — for \$600,000. He didn't have the money. Without the backing of a label, there wasn't enough of a push behind Simons' songs to get them into mainstream circulation.

Simons recorded another five-song mini-album. Levy sent that to Jenkins, the veteran music record executive, who had just been asked to run CBS Records.

"It was like: 'My god,'" Jenkins said. "How is the world not beating down the door to sign this guy?"

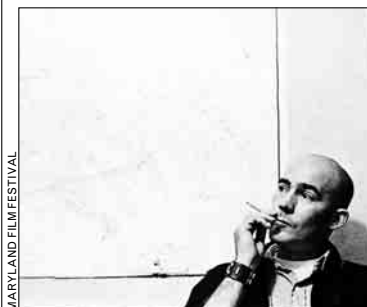
In July, Simons signed his contract with CBS. He went back into the studio a month later and completed his first traditional album. It's a deft effort at capturing Simons' unusual and versatile sound.

"It's easy for people to say that artists have had their time: Move on. But when you have great talent, you don't just set it aside," Jenkins said. "We're not going to stop until the world knows about Keaton Simons."

SCOTT GOLD (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Today's Top Stops

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GONZO

Fear and Loathing

Without one man, there would be no "Colbert Report," no "Daily Show," no "gonzo journalism." That's a world none of us would want to live in. That man was Hunter S. Thompson. "Gonzo," a documentary, covers Thompson's startling contribution to American culture. The filmmaking is chaotic, but so was Thompson's life.

→ *AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 9:30 p.m., \$9-\$10; 301-495-6720. (Silver Spring)*

JAMES TAYLOR

Sweet Baby James



2 He's a legend, but he hasn't lost his touch. James Taylor isn't the fresh-faced, floppy-haired minstrel you (or

maybe your mother) fell in love with, but his music is still just as wonderful.

→ *Wolf Trap Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$30-\$75; 877-965-3872.*

STUFF HAPPENS

But the Title's Awful

3 Smart, delicious satire is always in fashion, and never more than now, on the home stretch of the long-awaited 2008 election. "Stuff Happens," a comedy about the Bush administration, opens tonight.

→ *Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 7:45 p.m., \$25-\$48; 301-924-3400.*

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Who will step into Tim Russert's job — and will he or she be up to the task?

Pressing Engagement

Whoever follows Russert's act will have big shoes to fill

JOB OPENING | Still reeling from Tim Russert's heart attack death Friday, NBC News must now contemplate replacing the man who not only dominated the Sunday morning talk shows but served also as chief political commentator and ran the Washington bureau.

NBC wasn't talking about poten-

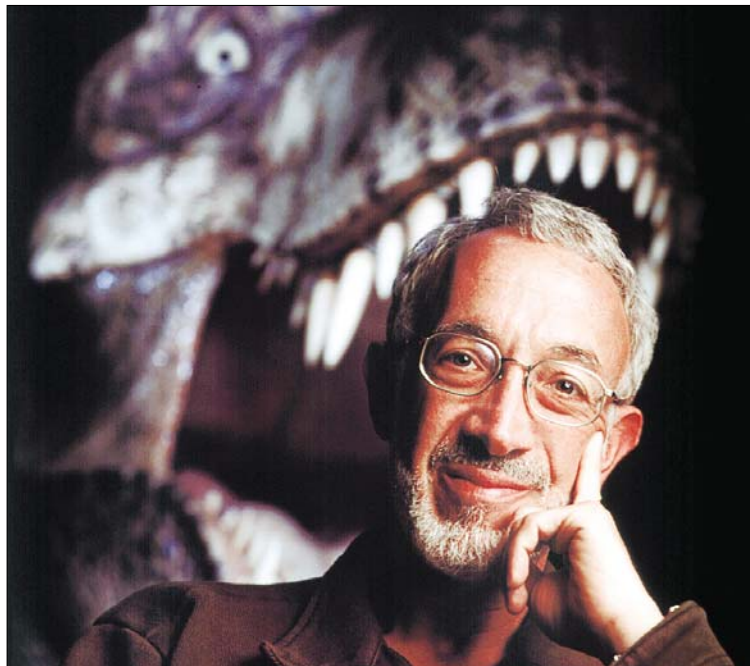
tial successors while planning Russert's wake on Tuesday and memorial service Wednesday that will be televised from the Kennedy Center. Top anchor Brian Williams canceled an appearance Monday at the Peabody Awards to be with his stricken staff.

"Hardball" host Chris Matthews is the best-known internal candidate. He already has a Sunday talk show syndicated by NBC Universal that's very competitive with the networks, despite taping on Friday.

Matthews, a relentless talker, would have to change his style to fit in to Russert's "Meet the Press" reportorial template.

There's some sentiment within NBC News to have Williams or retired anchor Tom Brokaw — who filled in this past Sunday — sit in temporarily, perhaps through the election. That course would give NBC the chance to find a new host and build a format around that person's strengths outside the crucible of an election season. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

Entertainment



ROAR! Visual effects master Stan Winston with a "Jurassic Park" dinosaur.

Effects Genius Dies at 62

Winston created dinosaurs and aliens that thrilled millions

INNOVATOR | Stan Winston, the Oscar-winning special-effects maestro responsible for bringing the dinosaurs of "Jurassic Park" and other iconic movie creatures to life, has died. He was 62.

Winston, a Virginia native, died at his home in Malibu, Calif., surrounded by family on Sunday evening after a seven-year struggle with multiple myeloma, according to a representative.

Working with such directors as Steven Spielberg, James Cameron and Tim Burton in a career spanning four decades, Winston created some of the most memorable visual effects in cinematic history. He helped bring the dinosaurs from "Jurassic Park," the extraterrestrials from "Aliens," the robots from "Terminator" and even "Edward Scissorhands" to the big screen, and was a pioneer in merging real-world effects with

computer imaging.

"The entertainment industry has lost a genius, and I lost one of my best friends with the death Sunday night of Stan Winston," California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "Stan's work and four Oscars speak for themselves and will live on forever. What will live forever in my heart is the way that Stan loved everyone and treated each of his friends like they were family."

Winston won visual effects Oscars for 1986's "Aliens," 1992's "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" and 1993's "Jurassic Park." He also won a makeup Oscar for 1992's "Batman Returns."

As a child growing up in Virginia, Winston enjoyed drawing, puppetry and classic horror films. After graduating from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, in 1968, Winston moved to Southern California to become an actor but instead worked behind the scenes.

He last worked with director Jon Favreau on "Iron Man."

"He was experienced and helped guide me while never losing his childlike enthusiasm," Favreau said in a statement. "I am proud to have worked with him, and we were looking forward to future collaborations. I knew that he was struggling, but I had no idea that he would be gone so soon. Hollywood has lost a shining star."

DERRIK J. LANG (AP)

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AT LEAST IT WASN'T A CARTOON MUHAMMED: The MTV office in Mumbai, India, was vandalized Monday over promotional posters showing a young Sikh woman massaging a man. Seventy protesters were arrested, then released on bail.

Life on the Road

For Death Cab, going on tour is a chance for introspection

TOURING | "On the Road" with Death Cab for Cutie isn't just a weak pun for the touring band. Jack Kerouac's book is an inspiration to lead singer and songwriter Ben Gibbard, who wrote many of the songs on the band's new album, "Narrow Stairs," at a cabin in California's Big Sur once occupied by the author.

The Seattle-based band is at an apparent apogee, both artistically and commercially. "Narrow Stairs,"

its second major label release for Atlantic Records, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard sales charts.

"I'm not going to lie: Having the number one record is quite an accolade and is very exciting," said Gibbard. But "Narrow Stairs" might also be the band's best album yet. It has drawn very positive reviews and the band's always energetic live performance now has a bigness to it that the softer songs on "Plans" didn't supply.

"It's really strange that our most successful record was the quietest, most introspective record we ever made," said Gibbard. "But I feel like with this new record, there's just a

lot more guitars, there's a lot more rock, and, in a way, it feels a lot more akin to some of the material on the earlier records.

Gibbard acknowledges life on the road today is a little more civilized than it was in Kerouac's day, but he thinks the core of the experience is still there: "This lifestyle allots us a lot of similar types of relationships and a similar type of worldliness that makes you realize that people really aren't that different," said Gibbard. "There's something really great about breezing into a town that you've been to a handful of times and you have friends there." JAKE COYLE (AP)



THEY'RE VOTING YES: The members of Death Cab for Cutie, along with 15-year-olds everywhere, take inspiration from Jack Kerouac's novel "On the Road."

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SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 330) 645 945
INDIANA JONES: THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL (PG-13) (1030)
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THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1150 1230 210 305 430 525) 715
800 1000 1040
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410 500 545 620 700 750 830 900 945 1030
OC & DA: YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHOAN (PG-13) (120) 740
KUNG FU PANDA - DP (PG) (1140 230 515) 810
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHOAN (PG-13) (1200 1240 250 340)
420 535 640 820 920 1020
KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (1220 100 140 310 350 440) 610 650 730 850
930 1010
THE STRANGERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 150 455) 710 925
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1135 1245 255 405) 635 755 955
INDIANA JONES: THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL (PG-13) (1205)
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RW & DA: THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1130 215)
455 745 1030
THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1115 1200 135 230)
355 510 615 730 830 1000 1045
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1215 100 300 345)
600 700 900 945
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHOAN (PG-13) (Stadium) (1110 1225)
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KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (Stadium) (1100 1145 1230 115 200 245 330)
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(Stadium) (1150 1240 335) 645 740 1035
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THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) ★ (1230 100 200 330 400 500) 630
720 800 930 1010 1045
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHOAN (PG-13) (115 155 345 415 455)
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SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 1225 340) 705 735 1020
IRON MAN (PG-13) (110 410) 710 1025

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THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 315 530) 800
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) ★ (1200 115 200 330 415 500 545)
700 745 830 945 1030
KUNG FU PANDA - DP (PG) (1145 215 445) 715 930
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHOAN (PG-13) (1210 110 310 410) 710
810 950 1050
KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (1230 130 300 400) 600 645 900
THE STRANGERS (R) - ID REQ'D (245 515) 815 1040
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 250) 620 940
INDIANA JONES: THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL (PG-13) (145 430)
730 1015
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13) 845 PM
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RW & DA: THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1115 155)
435 720 1000
THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1100 1155 120 215)
340 445 700 750 920 1025
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (1035 1145 110 230)
350 515 640 800 925 1045
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THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13) 12:10, 1:40, 2:20, 3:10, 4:50, 5:30, 6:20, 8:00, 8:40, 9:20

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) 12:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:35, 3:15, 3:50, 5:15, 5:50, 6:30, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, 8:20

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13) 12:20, 1:10, 2:05, 3:25, 4:20, 5:10, 6:40, 7:20, 8:10, 9:40, 10:15

SEX AND THE CITY (R) 12:05, 12:55, 1:50, 3:20, 4:05, 5:05, 6:35, 7:15, 8:35, 9:50

THE STRANGERS (R) 12:30, 1:15, 2:55, 3:35, 5:20, 5:55, 7:35, 8:15, 9:45

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13) 12:50, 2:10, 3:40, 5:00, 6:25, 7:45, 9:15

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) 12:35, 4:10, 7:25

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG13) 10:10 PM

IRON MAN (PG13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

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THE STRANGERS (R) 12:00, 2:10, 4:25, 6:40, 8:50, 11:00

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13) 2:00, 3:25, 4:55, 7:50, 9:30, 10:45

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WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG13) 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35

IRON MAN (PG13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
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DIGITAL PRESENTATION

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25

THE HAPPENING (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13) 1:20, 2:10, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:35

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YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13) 12:30, 1:50, 2:55, 4:45, 5:35, 7:45, 8:30, 10:15

YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:15

SEX AND THE CITY (R) 12:50, 2:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:30, 8:50, 10:35

THE STRANGERS (R) 12:35, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13) 12:40, 1:45, 3:30, 4:40, 6:45, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) 1:10, 4:25

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG13) 8:05, 10:20

IRON MAN (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:35, 10:30

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THE STRANGERS (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:35, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:25

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) 12:05, 3:15, 6:45, 10:00

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG13) 10:20 PM

IRON MAN (PG13) 12:55, 3:55, 7:15, 10:10

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THE HAPPENING (R) 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13) 2:40, 3:40, 5:20, 6:30, 8:00, 9:20

SEX AND THE CITY (R) 2:00, 3:10, 5:00, 6:20, 8:10, 9:30

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) 3:20, 6:40, 9:45

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YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:15

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SEX AND THE CITY (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55

THE STRANGERS (R) 12:25, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

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IRON MAN (PG13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10

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THE HAPPENING (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:40

THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:40, 10:00

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SEX AND THE CITY (R) 12:55, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

IRON MAN (PG13) 1:05, 4:00, 10:10

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KUNG FU PANDA (PG) 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30

THE HAPPENING (R) 12:00, 12:55, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:15, 8:15, 9:50, 10:35

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IRON MAN (PG13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 10:15

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YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

SEX AND THE CITY (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:40

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:35

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) 1:50, 4:35, 7:30

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THE CHILDREN OF HUANG SHI (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50

THE FALL (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

SON OF RAMBOW (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

THEN SHE FOUND ME (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:50, 10:00

ROMAN DE GARE (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10

THE VISITOR (PG13) 1:40, 3:50, 7:40, 9:55

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Television



YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT: William Hurt (of "The Incredible Hulk") has signed on to guest-star for a season on "Damages." This marks his first reunion with star Glenn Close since their seminal film "The Big Chill" in 1983.

Multiple Media Personalities

CBS anchor uses the internet to show her less serious side

SPLIT PERSONALITY | Every week-day evening, Katie Couric is the picture of sobriety on the "CBS Evening News": buttoned down and earnest.

Viewers who miss the impish humor the anchor exhibited on "Today" probably don't know that it's still possible to catch glimpses of Couric unplugged — and in a medium that's light-years away from the staid environs of broadcast news.

Since February, Couric has been quietly uploading videos to her own channel on YouTube. The clips display the mischievous personality that the newscaster doesn't get to show in her current post.

Along with extended material from her CBS interviews, much of the footage consists of behind-the-scenes moments. In one, she alludes to the pressing questions about her future. Adjusting her suit before going on the



AL ROKER KNOWS THE SECRET: Katie Couric shows her fun side on YouTube.

air on Super Tuesday, Couric said: "I wore this in 2006, too, and I didn't lose my job, so that's positive."

Later, the cheerleader emerged: "How we feeling, everybody?" she asked during a break. "Whoo! I'm such a nerd; I'm sorry. I have to do something to keep myself fired up."

Network executives said the videos are meant to be spread

virally.

"You don't need to over-promote this," said Bob Peterson, CBS News' creative director. "It should be organic — work with it and let it grow."

During a visit to CNN, she discussed YouTube with Larry King. "Is this our future?" he asked. "Yeah, actually," she responded, "I think it is." **MATEA GOLD** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

ON TV TONIGHT

FILM NOIR, IN COLOR

The 1997 drama **L.A. CONFIDENTIAL** (6:40 p.m., Starz) unfolds in the tabloid shadows of postwar Los Angeles.

OMIGOD, YOU GUYS!

Performers compete with a very particular role in mind on **LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL: THE SEARCH FOR ELLE WOODS** (8 p.m., MTV), an extremely pink reality show bent on casting a Broadway musical based on the popular movie franchise.

SPEAKING WITH THE SPIRITS

On three episodes of **GHOST HUNTERS** (Sci Fi), only the dead know Philadelphia (8 p.m.), Fort Delaware's dead (9 p.m.) and dolls with dead eyes (10 p.m.).

ANCHORS AWAY

JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE (8:30 p.m., PBS) looks at three men on the USS Nimitz as they struggle with anxieties about impending fatherhood while serving thousands of miles from home and their families.

DIRTY JOBS

Cable's love affair with rugged blue-collar work continues with **BLACK GOLD** (10 p.m., TruTV), an eight-episode documentary-style series set in the dirty, demanding and dangerous oil fields of west Texas. "Black Gold" follows three



SUPER-SLEUTHS: Russell Crowe and Guy Pearce in "L.A. Confidential."

rigs and three crews competing to strike oil first in the Texas Permian Basin. The rocketing cost of oil has created a drilling boom and brought out the competitive streak in oilmen who pour millions of dollars into an operation that can either mint money or turn into a dry hole.

OVERPOPULATION IS AN ISSUE

OMG! SEXTUPLETS! (10 p.m., WE) documents a couple faced with fertility issues. They undergo a relatively routine procedure that yields unexpected dividends.

THE LOVE GURU ... ?

Mike Myers, Jordana Spiro and Dolphina chat on **LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (12:35 a.m., NBC). **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Children

'High School Musical' is taking youngsters and parents by storm

Talya Appelbaum recently had a "High School Musical" birthday party. She got special balloons and a slice of cake decorated with the spoiled Sharpay, her favorite character because "she's with Ryan."

Jemma Fox has a "HSM" karaoke microphone and trading cards of the East High gang.

Talya and Jemma are 3 years old. They have tot-size insights but large obsessions with the wildly popular Disney franchise that has jumped from TV show to hit song factory to merchandising mania since 2006, when the Wildcats first took kid culture by storm.

But it's high school, and now senior year at that. Do Talya and Jemma need to "bop to the top" or demand "all things fabulous"? And what about the kissing, the backbiting and the big-kid fashions?

With the October release of the third "HSM" movie — this one in theaters rather than on the Disney Channel — parents of extra-young aficionados are debating whether the

phenom is innocent dance-'til-you-drop fun or not quite appropriate.

"It really is insipid, and Disney starts early and has some clever ways to get to the kids who don't even watch movies, listen to the radio or read," said Jemma's mom, Jennifer Hawkins of New York.

Appelbaum has three older kids, including a 4-year-old daughter. All are "HSM" fans. Appelbaum isn't sure she could shield her youngest, even if she wanted to. But "HSM's" popularity among young children, along with similar adolescent fare like "Hannah Montana" — the other Disney mega-franchise — isn't limited to those exposed through older siblings.

Preschool Musical?

Jemma, who has a 2-year-old brother, stumbled on "HSM" at a Target store, where Hawkins bought "what I thought was an innocent toy." She didn't know the microphone was preprogrammed with "HSM" songs and admits: "I didn't really look at the packaging."

Five-year-old Valencia White got hooked after her dad bought

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'HSM' MEMORABILIA: The Appelbaum siblings in Harrison, N.Y., find themselves enthralled by "High School Musical."

other issues faced by high schoolers may not be what draw young children in, but the issues are there nonetheless, Twenge said.

"How do you even talk to a 3-year-old about this stuff? Think before you leap. If you've leapt, then cut her off. There are things you have to take a stand on," she counsels parents.

Talya's mom, Melanie Appelbaum of Harrison, N.Y., doesn't worry about the teen themes.

"So much of what people are worried about is going over their heads. I think you can overanalyze anything." LEANNE ITALIE (AP)

tickets to "High School Musical: The Ice Tour" last year.

"She went straight from Disney princess to 'High School Musical,'" said her mother, Virginia Duplessis of El Cerrito, Calif. "The child has never seen the movies, yet she knew the songs immediately. It just got to a point where it's everywhere and the more we were trying to make it this forbidden fruit, the more

interested she was getting."

Therein lies the parenting challenge, said Jean Twenge, a social psychologist and associate professor at San Diego State University who studied young people and pop culture for her book, "Generation Me."

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Susan Popp feeds the bison on her family’s ranch outside Monument, Colo.

demand growing the way it is, we need to get some more people out there raising buffalo,” said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association.

The industry, which touts the meat as a healthier, leaner alter-

native to beef, is offering an online Bison 101 course, evangelizing the benefits of bison to lenders and expanding mentoring opportunities for new ranchers.

But it may be a tough sell right now, as factors that are affecting

other meat producers such as the cost of land, and rising fuel and feed prices can be obstacles to starting a bison ranch.

In the past few years, the bison association has built demand among customers looking for locally supplied, lower-fat alternatives to beef, and more top chefs are starting to

“Bison has been a part of people’s diets on this continent for thousands of years.”

BOB DINEEN,
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURAL MEATS

serve bison. Largely wild, bison can calve on their own and aren’t regularly injected with antibiotics or hormones. They also do well in extreme climates.

Today, there are bison producers in all 50 states, with about 4,000 private ranches raising roughly 232,000 animals. But the 46,195 bison processed through USDA-inspected facilities last year was dwarfed by the estimated 128,000 animals processed daily in the beef industry.

“It’s a tiny part of American agriculture, but bison has been a part

of people’s diets on this continent for thousands of years,” said Bob Dineen, who founded Denver-based Rocky Mountain Natural Meats.

The trade group estimates up to 70 million bison may have roamed North America centuries ago, but that figure dwindled to about 1,000 in 1900. The industry claims credit for helping the population rebound.

Annual sales at Dineen’s company have increased from 700,000 pounds to more than 2 million pounds over the past five years. Revenues, expected to reach \$30 million this year, have grown 10 percent to 20 percent over the past 10 years, said Dineen.

“There’s no guarantees in this world, but we’ve seen this growth steadily and slowly,” Dineen said. “As we enter new marketplaces and get a toehold, it’s staying and continues to grow.”

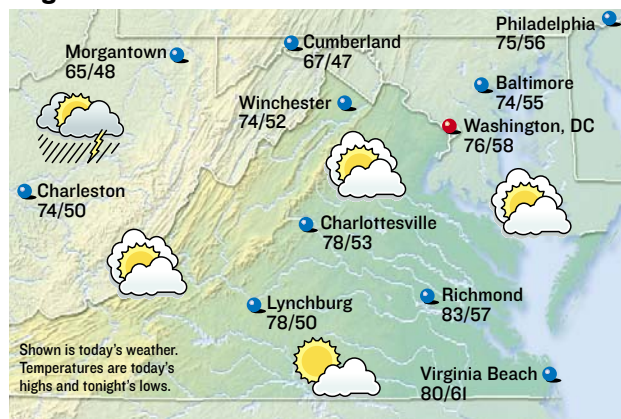
The Poppes get outside income to fund their bison ranch. Susan Popp still works at HP, and Peter Popp is an airline pilot instructor. Still, Susan Popp said they have no regrets about starting a ranch.

“That was something we both wanted to do,” Popp said. “It’s just beautiful. When you work full days and life gets to you, you come out here, you look at the way they run around. ... It just makes my heart sing.” CATHERINE TSAI (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
A thunderstorm in the afternoon	Partly cloudy and cool	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny, t-storms possible
76°	58°	77° / 61°	79° / 64°	82° / 66°	82° / 67°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	79°
Low	65°
Normal high	84°
Normal low	66°
Average humidity	55%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.88"
Month to date	3.77"
Normal month to date	1.79"
Year to date	27.69"
Last year to date	15.08"
Normal year to date	17.93"

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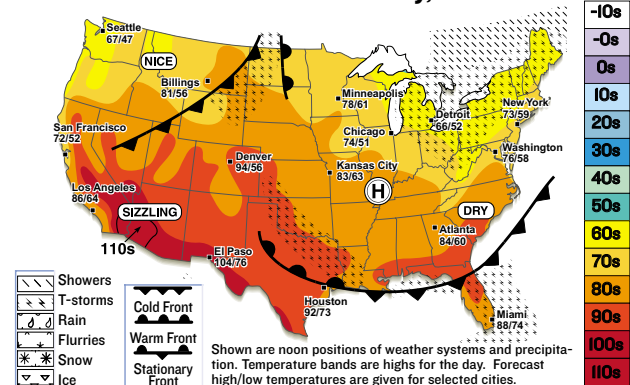
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, afternoon thunderstorm. High 76. Wind west-northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:43 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:04 p.m.
Moonset today	5:12 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, June 18



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	84/60/s	83/64/s
Boston	73/57/t	73/58/pc
Chicago	74/51/pc	76/52/pc
Dallas	93/72/t	93/73/pc
Denver	94/56/t	85/56/t
Honolulu	88/75/s	88/75/s
Los Angeles	86/64/s	86/64/s
Miami	88/74/t	89/76/t
New York City	73/59/t	74/63/t
Orlando	92/72/t	93/70/t
Seattle	67/47/c	66/51/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	65/56/c	66/53/c
Athens	94/73/s	89/72/s
Berlin	77/61/pc	79/60/c
Buenos Aires	57/46/s	54/46/r
Calgary	67/41/pc	67/45/pc
Dublin	61/48/r	63/48/pc
Geneva	76/56/pc	77/59/s
Moscow	73/50/sh	77/55/pc
Rome	81/61/s	83/61/s
Sydney	64/56/sh	66/54/r
Tokyo	77/62/pc	72/66/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

Look out



NOT SO OUTDOORSY: Demi Lovato during a scene in "Camp Rock," in which the campers travel with a flashy wardrobe.

↓ "High School Musical" who? Whether it's a loud pillow or short-sleeve hoodie, expect to see plenty of "Camp Rock" gear on tweens.

Campy Cool



New camp movie is seen as a fashion influence for tweens

The basic summer camp wardrobe of shorts and T-shirts hasn't changed much over the years. But this summer, campers might need to leave a little room in their trunks for moccasins boots, skinny jeans (for girls and boys) and chunky jewelry.

It's the "Camp Rock" effect. "Camp Rock" is Disney Channel's new TV movie starring the in-demand Jonas Brothers. It could be this year's "High School Musical," and any parent of a tween — or toddler — knows how much that movie influenced fashion over the past few years.

The cabins, lake and woodsy setting of Camp Rock is like many real-life summer getaways, but

“It didn’t look like we were wearing makeup at all — I liked that.”

DEMI LOVATO, ACTRESS

the campers are all aspiring rock stars, and they travel with a flashier wardrobe.

The exception is Demi Lovato's character, Mitchie Torres, a talented musician with humble roots and a wardrobe to match. Alyson Stoner is her pal, Caitlyn Geller, whose style is best described as "80s wannabe."

In real life, 15-year-old Demi is a little more high-maintenance. She cringes when she thinks of the clothes she brought to camp back in sixth grade: seven pairs of shorts and seven T-shirts.

She's a fan of hats, Ray-Ban sunglasses and "crazy-color jeans, especially high-waisted ones." She adds: "I'm not a basic-black girl, and you'll never catch me in sweats."

Meanwhile, Alyson, 14, would tone down Caitlyn's extreme clothes, a style she describes as "Madonna meets Hot Topic." But she did enjoy wearing the bold styles — such as brightly colored leg warmers and graphic wristbands — on the set.

"Once I got it on, I thought I wanted to steal it all from Caitlyn, but then I'd get home and do a reality check."

If you're worried about sending kids to camp with fedoras, you can still relax about the beauty routine.

"Sometimes it didn't look like we were wearing makeup at all — I liked that," Demi says. "It looked natural. I didn't want people to think, 'Well, she goes to camp wearing a full face of makeup, so I will, too.'"

That's closer to the real attitude at Camp Soutwoods in New York's Adirondack Mountains, says director Scott Ralls.

"Styles change, like with jeans — low-rise, boot-cut, full of holes, shorts, comfy, rolled up and super-short, baggy and falling off, basketball style — it just depends on the year." SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Fragrance



A Blossoming Love

Elizabeth Arden's Green Tea eau de toilette was the first perfume this writer ever bought after smelling it in one of those magazine inserts. True story! Now the red-door ladies have come out with a new version, **GREEN TEA LOTUS** (\$37, Elizabetharden.com), which takes the preppy version and sexes it up with a spicier hit and a subtle sophistication that lurks in the background. It's pretty much the scent version of your favorite work outfit: No, you can't wear it every day, but you feel just a bit better when you have it on. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY

Beauty

Lid It Up, Ladies

The new **CARGO EYE BRONZER** (\$22, Sephora) makes it sound like you'll get tan eyelids, which is pretty stupid. It is, however, a very nice cream shadow in a packaging well-suited to travel. It's tough to mess up — even though it dries within 10 seconds, a

finger can blend away any excited, overzealous application. The only problem is that, on peachy-pale white-girl skin, the color just looks a wee bit bizarre: Too pale, too bright and just... weird. Still, we imagine, though, that it would look absolutely fantastic on dark-skinned girls, giving a distinctive look without resorting to deep, bright colors that might be too much for some to pull off. K.P.K.



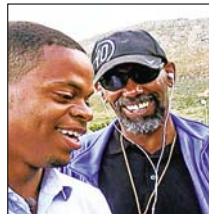

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FILM

No Child Left Behind

"Hard Times at Douglass High" chronicles a year at Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School, and was directed by Alan and Susan Raymond, whose 1973 work "An American Family" was before its time. Christopher Porter spoke to the Raymonds, whose work screens Friday at Silverdocs. | [COMING UP](#)



ENTERTAINMENT

Home on the Pitch

The documentary "Kicking It" covers the 2006 Homeless World Cup, combining sports with social messages about poverty. The movie screens at Silverdocs on Saturday. Christopher Porter spoke to producer Ted Leonsis about his latest "filmanthropy" project. | [COMING UP](#)

SOUND BETS

D.C. Video Jukebox

Jukebox the Ghost's new video, "Hold It In," is the latest in a rather short line of music videos made by D.C. acts. Check out Jukebox's latest along with other rarefied videos we've dug up from Washington artists, like Georgie James and Velocity Girl. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



comment board

“As far as the state is concerned, I think all marriages should be civil unions, and they shouldn't have anything to do with the gender of the participants.”

COMMENTER STEPHEN, WHO ADDED, "MARRIAGE SHOULD EXIST AS A PRIVATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS."

“How does it affect you at all if two guys or two chicks get married? If you oppose gay marriages, don't have one.”

COMMENTER MEL2ICLC, WHO ADDED, "MY FAVORITES ARE THE SUPPOSED CHRISTIANS WHO HATE ON GAY RIGHTS AND GAY MARRIAGE — VERY CHRIST-LIKE, FOR SURE."



“It becomes hypocrisy when our Constitution guarantees freedoms to our citizens but then denies some freedoms to some citizens based on some people's ideas of right and wrong.”

COMMENTER STEVE IN DC, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU THINK SAME-SEX MARRIAGES SHOULD BE MADE LEGAL IN ALL 50 STATES?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

DO YOU THINK SAME-SEX MARRIAGES SHOULD BE MADE LEGAL IN ALL 50 STATES?

65% YES **35%** NO

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT [READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP](http://readexpress.com/pollcenter.php)



"I have a friend whose husband has a PO box at [Dulles] airport, and she says that there is a five-year waiting list of people just dying to get in."

BLOG.REDFIN.COM WAS QUITE AMUSED WHEN A RECENT WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE UNCOVERED THE "AIRPORT BUSINESS" SECRET USED BY COMMUTERS TO USE THE TOLL ROAD FOR FREE.



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“THIS DOESN'T MEAN to go out and drink a lot of coffee throughout the day, because then we'd never get any sleep. But it does give just a little bit of justification for that vice that quite a number of us indulge in every morning.”

PATRICIAHEATHERINGTON.BLOGSPOT.COM FEELS GOOD ABOUT A NEW STUDY THAT FOUND THAT COFFEE COULD HELP WOMEN'S HEARTS.

“ARE YOU AN ADDICT if you are planning to call AT&T (formerly Cingular with the cute orange man they should have kept) and activate international coverage for a month so you can check your e-mail and blog on the road? Perhaps.”

CITYGRITS.NET NEEDED A BLOGGING CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR HER TRIP OVERSEAS.

“THE ONLY OTHER thing I know about [Tiger Woods] is he's beefed up his physique, and I saw an attractive picture of him in Men's Health.”

SCOTTSTAKE.BLOGSPOT.COM WASN'T SURE WHAT TO SAY DURING AN AWKWARD URINAL CONVERSATION WITH A GOLF FAN.

“They botched this firing so badly that everyone's going to destroy them for giving such a nice guy such an awful send-off.”

THEBIGLEAD.COM WAS NOT IMPRESSED BY THE NEW YORK METS' DECISION TO FIRE MANAGER WILLIE RANDOLPH AT 3:30 A.M., AFTER A 9-6 ROAD WIN AGAINST THE ANGELS.



Discussions

The MisFits

VICKY HALLETT and **HOWARD SCHNEIDER**, fitness writers for The Post, were online Tuesday to handle your worst workout problems and answer your exercise questions.

I sweat a lot when I run — a lot. I drink plenty of water before, during and after a run, so I'm not worried about dehydration, but I am curious. What does it mean when your body sweats so much? How can other people work out without sweating at all?

It's a badge of honor in my book —

it means things are working as they should. Now, if you find yourself drenched when you're not exercising, like sitting around behind your desk, then you might want to check with a doc. But if it is during a run or other intense exercise, it is just your body keeping itself cool.

I'm about to start looking for a new gym, and I'm already dreading the “we don't print a price sheet” line. It really bothers me how some gyms refuse to publish their rates on their Web sites. It seems like blatant price discrimination. What do I do in this situation if I otherwise would like to join the gym? What's the best way to get a bargain?

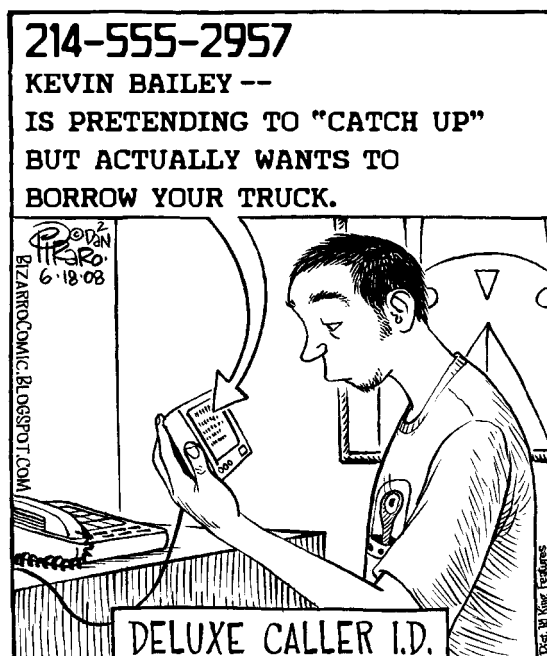
As annoying as it is that they don't

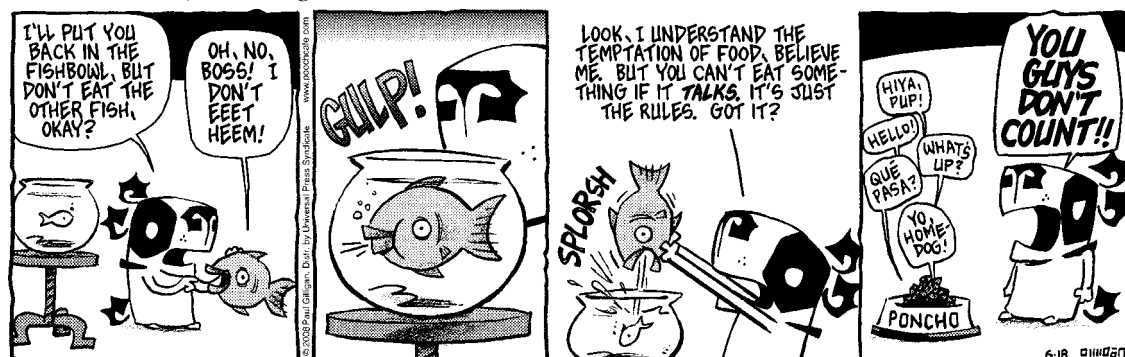
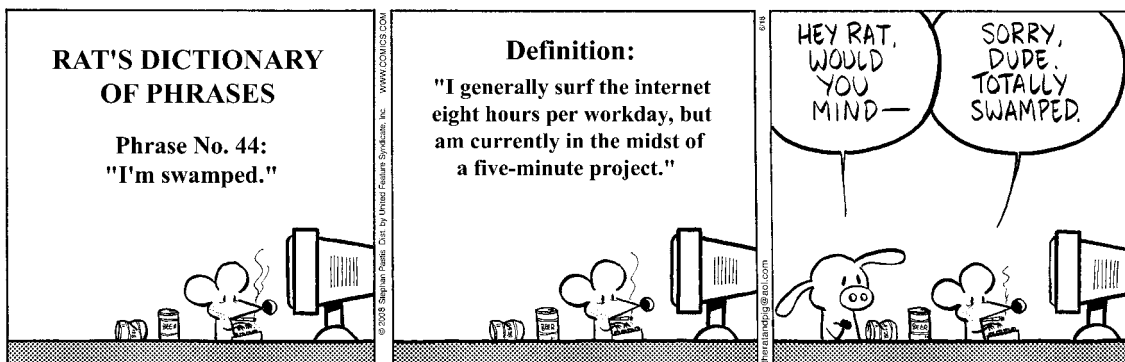
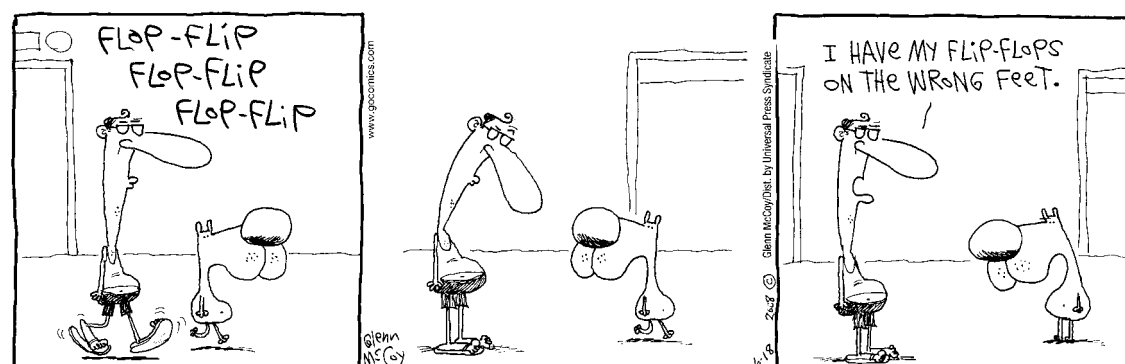
publish prices online (and believe me, it drives me bonkers), it could work to your advantage, especially right now. Gyms pull in most of their business in January and February, when people are still attempting to fulfill their New Year's resolutions. Although summer will certainly bring in a few people who find it too hot to exercise outdoors, there are tons of fitness opportunities in the warmer months that don't require joining a gym. What I'm trying to say is that if there were ever a time to bargain, it's now!

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Victoria Schade of Good Dog! Obedience Training shares her methods for teaching dogs how to behave at noon. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

DO

TAKE A HIGHWAY SAFETY SURVEY, MARYLAND DRIVERS. The Maryland Highway Safety Office is using an online survey to study drivers' attitudes on the road. The results will help state officials plan and monitor traffic safety programs in certain communities. Go to Marylanddriversurvey.com.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find that others are willing to follow you, so the decision to lead will be an easier one to make than expected.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may find yourself immersed in a situation you can neither comprehend nor control. Your fate is in someone else's hands at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You mustn't wait for others to show you the way. Rather, you must take the lead and be willing to weather any inescapable hazards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your sense of humor saves the day—again. Still, some may not long appreciate your eagerness to laugh at the more serious issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It may prove impossible for you to simulate responses appropriate to the day's events.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You and a friend or loved one may seem to be on different wavelengths during a portion of the day. Take time to be honest and

specific.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are too serious about your personal endeavors at this time. Adopt a more relaxed attitude, and circumstances will improve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your optimistic outlook will benefit others as well as yourself—as long as you put your ideas into motion and turn words into action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your practical side will receive strokes from those who appreciate your ability to see things as they really are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Caution is advised when you are dealing with emotions that may be more powerful than they seem. Dangerous currents run beneath the surface.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a good day for you to take charge and make changes you know are necessary—for yourself and others. Your actions affect many at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have the power to minimize your fears and to banish forever any further doubt you may have about a current project.

Letters

Boo for Country Music Job

DID YOUR SNARKY editors really need to refer to country music star Sara Evans as “someone we’ve never heard of” in Tuesday’s People section (“Country Music Huge Blind Spot in Urban Newspaper,” June 17)? Believe

it or not, D.C., Maryland and Virginia are home to thousands of country music fans. How about a little more balanced and descriptive headlines and photo captions, and a little less editorializing and child’s play? I’m sure there are many Metro riders who are not familiar with Missy Elliott or Coldplay, either.

—MARC LEGOFF
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1812 The United States declares war against Britain.

1815 Napoleon Bonaparte meets his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeat the French in Belgium.

1928 Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as she completes a journey with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon from Newfoundland to Wales in about 21 hours.

1983 Astronaut Sally K. Ride becomes America's first woman in space as she and four



Earhart flew over the Atlantic in 1928.

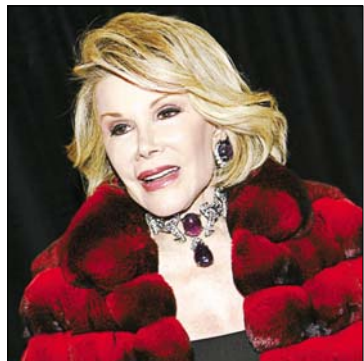
colleagues blasts off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

2003 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Larry Doby, who broke the American League's color barrier in 1947, dies in Montclair, N.J.

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People



Then, the necklace crushed her airway.

PROFANITY 'Doughy' and 'Overrated' Aren't Swear Words!

JOAN RIVERS' salty tongue got her booted from a British talk show in the middle of its live broadcast. Rivers used two expletives while talking about Russell Crowe and was asked to leave during a commercial break. (AP)

ORGANS Tell It to My Liver: Is It Really Love or Just Cirrhosis?



TAYLOR DAYNE has pleaded no contest to a reckless driving charge. A Beverly Hills Superior Court judge ordered the entertainer to serve two years' probation and complete a Mothers Against Drunk Driving program. Dayne is best-known for her 1987 hit, "Tell It to My Heart." (AP)



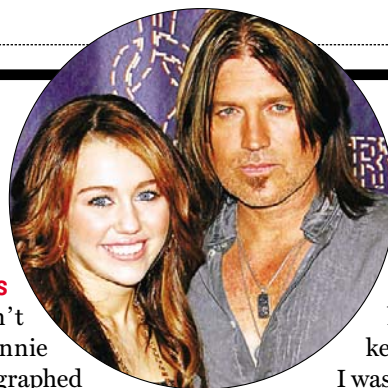
STUNT CASTING

Freak Show Starts

Curtains will be up Sept. 18 for **KATIE HOLMES'** Broadway debut. That's the date the former "Dawson's Creek" star and wife of Tom Cruise begins preview performances in a revival of Arthur Miller's "All My Sons." The production — which also stars John Lithgow, Dianne Wiest and Patrick Wilson — officially opens Oct. 16 at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre and runs through Jan. 11. (AP)

NORMAL Teenage Girl Prefers Not Disrobing in Front of Dad

BILLY RAY CYRUS says he wasn't around when Annie Leibovitz photographed his daughter **MILEY**, 15, wrapped in a sheet with her back exposed for Vanity Fair. "Miley's publicist was there, and everyone seemed in control," he told the "Today" show. "I didn't know they [were]



She also prefers he not listen in on her phone calls.

gonna strip her down and wrap her with a blanket." He added, "So, I was surprised when I saw it, you know, but ... stuff happens. That's life. Things happen and sometimes things get a little out of control and you just gotta deal with life ... again, it's peaks and valleys, and ups and downs." (AP)

LIES Brit Moves Unemployed Self To Beach, Calls It a Vacation

A Los Angeles court commissioner delayed a trial about whether **BRITNEY SPEARS'** father will continue to have control over his daughter's money. It was scheduled to begin on July 31, but attorneys still have to



work out a number of issues. Spears' finances and personal affairs have been under the control of her father for several months. She remains on vacation until next week. (AP)

AILING Amy Diagnosed With Being Rode Hard, Put Away Wet

A spokesman says **AMY WINEHOUSE** underwent more tests at a London hospital after fainting at home. Initial tests were inconclusive and Winehouse will have more tests while being kept under observation. The spokesman says the singer, 24, "seems to be fine in herself, but they are taking their time to be sure." (AP)



Amy runs sophisticated medical tests on her liver outside a hospital setting.

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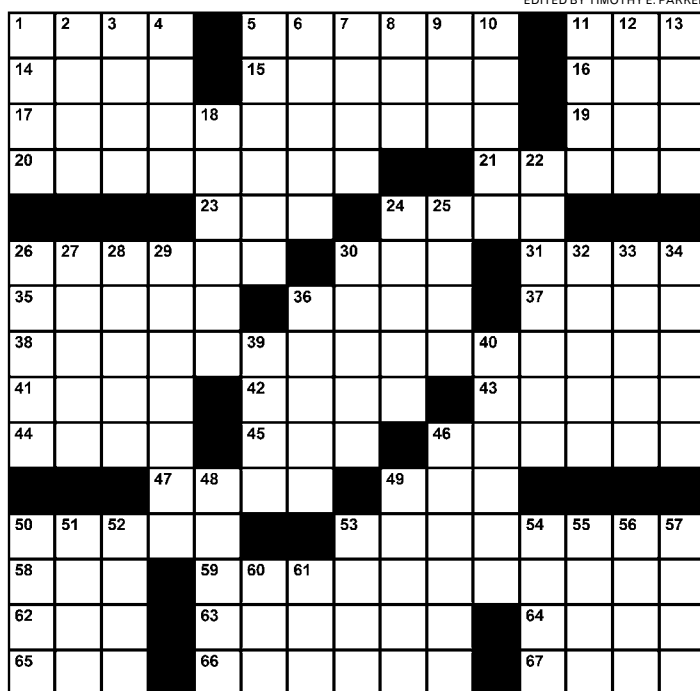
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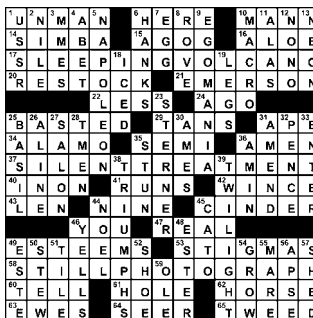


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Yesterday's Solution



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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